

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested. By the present Preliminary Amendment claim 13 is amended to correct a minor informality that is not believed to raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

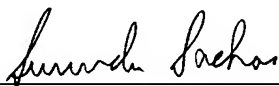
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